



## The climate change challenge for general practice in New Zealand

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### Abstract:

Climate change is one of the greatest public health challenges of our time. Despite some inherent uncertainties in making predictions about climate change, there is wide scientific consensus that global warming is occurring; that it is largely due to manmade greenhouse gas emissions; and that it will have substantial health implications for the future. The predicted health impacts of climate change are now clearer for New Zealand, and general practitioners can take action to mitigate these impacts and adapt to the future environment. Actions required involve a combination of 'top-down' and 'ground-up' approaches; effective leadership and policy from our health institutions and, importantly, individual practice initiatives that transform these goals into practical outcomes.

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### Resource Description

#### Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Air Pollution, Ecosystem Changes, Extreme Weather Event, Food/Water Quality, Food/Water Security, Human Conflict/Displacement, Precipitation, Sea Level Rise, Temperature, Unspecified Exposure

**Extreme Weather Event:** Drought, Flooding, Landslides, Wildfires

**Food/Water Quality:** Other Water Quality Issue

**Water Quality (other):** Saltwater intrusion

**Temperature:** Fluctuations

#### Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

Ocean/Coastal

#### Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

Non-United States

**Non-United States:** Australasia

## **Health Co-Benefit/Co-Harm (Adaption/Mitigation):**

specification of beneficial or harmful impacts to health resulting from efforts to reduce or cope with greenhouse gases

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## **Health Impact:**

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Cancer, Cardiovascular Effect, Diabetes/Obesity, Infectious Disease, Injury, Mental Health/Stress, Other Health Impact

**Cardiovascular Effect:** Heart Attack

**Infectious Disease:** Foodborne/Waterborne Disease, General Infectious Disease, Vectorborne Disease

**Foodborne/Waterborne Disease:** Campylobacteriosis, Cryptosporidiosis, Salmonellosis, Other Diarrheal Disease

**Vectorborne Disease:** General Vectorborne, Mosquito-borne Disease

**Mosquito-borne Disease:** Dengue, General Mosquito-borne Disease, Rift Valley Fever

**Mental Health Effect/Stress:** Mood Disorder, Stress Disorder

**Other Health Impact:** Heat stress

## **Medical Community Engagement:**

resource focus on how the medical community discusses or acts to address health impacts of climate change

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## **Mitigation/Adaptation:**

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation, Mitigation

**Population of Concern:** A focus of content

## **Population of Concern:**

populations at particular risk or vulnerability to climate change impacts

Elderly, Low Socioeconomic Status, Racial/Ethnic Subgroup

**Other Racial/Ethnic Subgroup:** Indigenous populations

## **Resource Type:**

format or standard characteristic of resource

Review

## **Timescale:**



time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified